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- 1. ALTHOUGH REOPENING OF CONGEN BRATISLAVA BEFORE END OF GY 75 IS NOW IN DOUBT DUE TO CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENT TO RENEGOTIATE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT, BUREAU AND AGENCY SHOULD NOT PRESUME THAT PLANNED FUNDS WILL NOT BE NEEDED, EVEN IF POST DOES NOT OPEN IN FY-75. DUE TO LONG LEAD TIME REQUIRED FOR SUCH THINGS AS HIRING OF PERSONNEL (THREE TO SIX MONTHS), EMBASSY HAS ALREADY MADE COMMITMENTS, E.G., TO SEVERAL SLOVAKS TO FILL MOST OF BRATISLAVA POSITIONS STARTING ABOUT MARCH 1. IF THESE APPLICANTS ARE NOT HIRED AS PLANNED, SOME COMPENSATORY PAYMENTS MAY BE DUE. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS SITUATION BECOMES CLEARER WHAT FUNDS WILL OR WILL NOT BE NEEDED.
- 2. WE OF COURSE INTEND TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE HERE TO PERSUADE CZECHS TO ALLOW CONSULATE GENERAL TO OPEN AS PLANNED. WE WILL HOPE TO HAVE SOME INDICATION OF CZECH ATTITUDE SOON.
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